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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Jamie Cowan on Retirement
Legislation

1. On 17 April 1986, Jamie Cowan, Senate Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Civil Service, Post Office and General Services commented on the latest developments on the supplemental retirement legislation. He said the committee was not yet ready to release a copy of the draft legislation to us because the staff was still working on it. He will meet with Joe Wright, OMB deputy director, next Tuesday to attempt to iron out differences between the bill drawn up by congressional staffs and the administration. He is hopeful that an agreement in principle can be reached, and added that he was getting some more positive responses from OMB. If an agreement is reached he said that they will extend the stopgap legislation one month to complete work on the bill. If no agreement can be found, then Cowan said that they may let the 30 April deadline pass, meaning that new employees would be paying double retirement payments. It seems unlikely that Congress would actually permit this latter situation to develop.

2. Cowan promised that when the staff has completed its work on the draft bill, he will see that we are given a copy. He reiterated that at some point a call from the Director to the White House might prove very helpful.

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